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FOR EA/ANP HURWITZ FROM AMBASSADOR SELDEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, WS, MPOL, OCLR, NZ

SUBJECT: (1) AGREEMENT FOR IULAI TOMA OF WESTERN SAMOA

(2) SEALING OF MEAT LOCKERS

REF: (A) WELLINGTON 2918, (B) WELLINGTON 3157,

(C) WELLINGTON 3121

1. THERE ARE TWO MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH I SEEK YOUR ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING AND YOUR ADVICE TO ME OF THEIR STATUS.

2. THE FIRST, AND MOST IMMEDIATELY PRESSING, IS THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA (GOWS) FOR AGREEMENT FOR SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT, IULAI TOMA, TO BECOME THE GOWS' FIRST AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., RESIDENT IN NEW YORK. REFTELS (A) AND (B) INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF GOWS' REQUEST THAT TOMA BE IN NEW YORK BY MIDDLE OF AUGUST AND PROVIDED AS MUCH BIOGRAPHIC DETAIL AS IS AVAILABLE AT THIS POST. PRIME MINISTER EFI HAS NOW BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN MATTER WITH APPEAL THAT WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR TOMA TO BE IN NYC THIS MONTH IN ORDER THAT HE  
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MIGHT HELP ARRANGE EFI'S PLANNED VISIT TO NY IN SEPTEMBER. I AM OBLIGATED TO INFORM GOWS HIGH COMMISSIONER IN WELLINGTON OF PROSPECTS FOR TOMA'S EARLY ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK AND STATUS OF AGREEMENT REQUEST. PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY.

3. SECOND ITEM IS MY SERIOUS CONCERN FOR URGENT AND

FAVORABLE CONCLUSION OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH GNZ FOR RESOLUTION OF SO-CALLED MEAT LOCKER INSPECTION PROBLEM ABOARD VISITING U.S. NAVY WARSHIPS. REFTEL (C) SUMMARIZED MY CONCERN THAT WE MOVE QUICKLY AND INTELLIGENTLY TO FULFILL THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE NAVY. THE GNZ HAS OFFERED A FORMULA WHICH APPARENTLY IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE NAVY. WE SHOULD TAKE IT, WITHOUT PRESSING FOR STILL FURTHER GNZ CONCESSIONS IN THE MATTER, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT. WE ARE IN THE INITIAL PLANNING STAGES OF SEVERAL SHIP VISITS SCHEDULED FOR NEW ZEALAND IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1977. THIS MEAT LOCKER PROBLEM MUST BE WRAPPED UP WELL BEFORE THESE VISITS COMMENCE. YOUR PRIORITY ATTENTION AND ADVICE OF THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS ARE URGENTLY SOUGHT. SELDEN

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